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Redundancies are often used to improve reliability in communication systems. Depending on the required reliability of a communication-;

in line 6, after "the", insert -associated-;

in line 7, cancel "pertaining thereto";

5 in line 8, cancel "as";

in line 9, replace "Given" with -For-;

in line 11, replace "thereover" with -over them-;

in line 13, replace "Given" with -For-;

10 in line 15, replace "Given occurrence of a fault" with -When a fault occurs-;

in line 16, replace "instead" with -in its place-;

in line 27, replace "To facilitate understanding, let" with -Figure 2 illustrates-; and

replace line 28 with -which uses a "1:N" line assembly redundancy.-.

15 **On page 2:**

in line 1, cancel "therewith.";

in line 5, replace "interface" with -interfaces-;

in line 7, replace "trunks connected hereto" with -connected trunks-;

in line 9, replace ", whereby" with -;-;

20 in line 12, replace "means" with -mechanism-;

in line 19, after "this", insert -failure-, and replace "means" with -mechanism-;

in line 20, replace "he means" with -assembly-;

in line 23, replace "front-end [sic]" with -end-; and

25 in line 27, replace "In detail, this" with -This-, and replace "means" with -mechanism-.

**On page 3:**

in line 3, replace "Therewith, however" with -However-, and replace "means" with -mechanism-;

in line 4, replace "dynamics of the system" with -system dynamics-;

5 in line 6, replace ". More" with -, losing more-;

in line 7, cancel "is thereby lost";

in line 8, replace "wherein" with -in which-;

above line 10, insert

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

10 in line 10, replace "disclosing a way of how" with -providing a way of implementing-;

in line 11, cancel "can be implemented";

in line 12, replace "dynamics of the system" with -system dynamics-;

replace lines 13-14 with

15 -- This object is achieved by a method for standby circuiting of assemblies in 1:N redundancy, comprising the steps of providing peripheral line assemblies that are respectively allocated to one another in pairs and that comprise connections to one another; mutually monitoring each of the peripheral lines assemblies within each pair of the pairs via the connections; providing a standby  
20 circuit assembly that takes the place of a down peripheral line assembly in case of a failure of one of the peripheral line assemblies; providing internal and external interfaces that have an interactive connection to the peripheral line assemblies; monitoring and controlling all devices with a higher-ranking mechanism; determining an outage of one of the peripheral line assemblies by a remaining  
25 peripheral line assembly that had been paired with the out peripheral line assembly; sending, after the step of determining the outage, a message from the peripheral line assembly determining the outage to the standby circuit assembly; switching, by the standby circuit assembly, the internal and external interfaces by driving switches; and activating, after the step of switching, the standby circuit  
30 assembly by itself. --

- in line 17, after "assembly", insert -;;  
in line 18, replace "means" with -mechanism-;  
in line 19, replace "thereby applied" with -applied in this approach-;  
in line 22, replace "rendered" with -made-;  
5 in lines 24-25, replace "with salvaging of" with -and saving-;  
in line 25, replace "therein" with -in-; and  
replace line 29 with

- Advantageous developments include additionally sending, by the  
peripheral line assembly determining the outage, an outage message to the higher-  
ranking mechanism.

The inventive method may also include the sequential steps of  
recognizing the outage of one of the peripheral line assemblies by an interface  
belonging to the switching network; and sending, by the interface belonging to the  
switching network, a corresponding message to the higher-ranking mechanism.--

- 15 **On page 4:**  
above line 1, insert  
--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --;  
in line 1, after "below", insert -in the drawings and associated text-;  
cancel line 3;  
20 in line 4, before "a", insert -is a pictorial schematic showing-;  
in line 5, before "the conditions", insert -is a pictorial schematic  
showing-;  
above line 6, insert  
--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--;  
25 in lines 6-7, replace ". In accord therewith," with -in which-;  
in line 7, replace "BG<sub>2</sub>" with -BG<sub>n</sub>-, and replace ", whereby" with -(-;  
in line 8, after "shown", insert -)-;;  
in line 12, replace "interface" with -interfaces-;  
in line 13, replace "trunks connected hereto" with -connected trunks-;

in line 15, replace "whereby" with -(;  
in line 16, after "here", insert -);  
in line 18, replace "means" with --mechanism--, and after "Further",  
insert --;

- 5 in line 19, replace ", this being" with -which is-;  
in line 20, replace "given the outage of an assembly" with -for an  
assembly outage-;  
in lines 21-22, cancel ", respectively,";  
in line 25, replace "relationships [sic]" with -relationship-; and  
10 in line 29, replace "assemblies [sic]" with -assembly-.

**On page 5:**

cancel line 4;  
in line 5, replace "this be the" with -If-, and replace ". The" with -fails,  
the-;

- 15 in line 20, replace "thereover" with -over it-;  
in line 21, replace "means" with -mechanism-;  
in line 22, replace "thereof" with -of this process-; and

-- The above-described method is illustrative of the principles of the  
present invention. Numerous modifications and adaptations thereof will be readily  
apparent to those skilled in this art without departing from the spirit and scope of  
the present invention.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**On page 6:**

replace line 1 with --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--;

- 25 Please amend claims 1-3 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method [Method] for standby circuiting of assemblies  
in 1:N redundancy, comprising the steps of: